

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

**Status of the Claims**

Claims 1, 3, 4 and 9 are pending in the present application. Claims 2, 5-8, and 10 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to claim any disclaimed subject matter in a co-pending, related application. Claim 4 has been further amended to correct a typographical error. The amendments are supported in the originally filed specification. As such, no new matter has been added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

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